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HYDRO BELIZE LIMITED SHARES OVERSUBSCRIPTION SIGNALS INVESTORS' CONFIDENCE

In a press release issued by Hydro Belize, it submitted that "Hydro Belize Share Sale Exceeds Expectations". Information revealed that the Share Sale of Hydro Belize has been oversubscribed by 500, 000 shares. The oversubscription signifies a strong local investor confidence and represents a capital of $130 million being channelled into one of Belize's vital utilities.

The release stated that "A preliminary report on the results of the public offering, which closed at 5pm on Tuesday, January 20, 2026, indicates that approximately 4.5 million shares have been applied for, representing a total value of over 130 million dollars. The price per share was BZ$29." However, when the Government of Belize (GOB) announced the plan to sell shares of Hydro Belize Limited, which is the entity formed after the acquisition of the Mollejon, Chalilo, and the Vaca hydro dams from Fortis, the Opposition led by the Leader of the Opposition, (LOO), Tracy Panton, slammed the government for the move characterizing it as creating a "*tax-free paradise*" for "*connected*" individuals while ordinary Belizeans struggle with the high cost of living and, in some cases, are pressured by tax commitments. Even some of the senators chided in questioning whether the average citizen had the financial wherewithal to participate.

Nonetheless, the available information indicates that the initial tally of applicants amounted to nearly 2,000 investors, including the average Belizean, who took part in the share offering and included a mix of over 60 companies and prominent institutional investors such as the Belize Social Security Board, various credit unions, and private sector pension funds. Although the application period has closed, subscribers have until February 4, 2026, to pay for their shares. Additionally, the Government intends to satisfy all applications, and will source the excess shares from the 50% holding it has retained. Thereafter, following the close of the payment period, the share transfer and certificates will be issued.

As stated in the release, in order for the Government to recover the entirety of the purchase price for the company as well as provide a debt-based investment opportunity, Hydro Belize Limited is expected to issue bonds to buy and cancel the remaining shares held by the Government. Once the divestment process, which is expected to conclude by February 28, 2026, is realized Hydro Belize Limited will begin to operate as a fully private sector enterprise with a cadre of approximately 2, 000 members of the public as shareholders.

The dams acquired from Fortis produce up to fifty-one-point-two megawatts of electricity to approximately thirty to thirty-five percent of the country's electricity. The strong demand, and oversubscription provide the energy sector with a significant amount of funds necessary to invest in energy infrastructure, potentially lowering the cost of electricity to consumers, while improving reliability and sustainability in energy provision. The government of Belize's aim is energy independence and this is another major step forward.

"LA ZAFRA" 2026 A YEAR OF OPTIMISM

"Sugar is a livelihood, it is economic prosperity for the nation and people. It is tradition, it is culture- it is the way of life for Nortenos" PM Briceno

On Monday January 19, 2026, the scheduled sugar crop season 2026, known to the Nortenos as "Zafra", opened amidst an atmosphere of optimism and celebration. Prime Minister, John Briceño was joined by the Minister of Agriculture, Hon. Rodwell Ferguson and stakeholders from the sugar industry in the pomp and circumstance of a smooth start for this year's harvest and milling season at the factory at Tower Hill in Orange Walk.

Last week, the Belize Sugar Cane Farmers Association (BSCFA) and the Belize Sugar Industries and the American Sugar Refinery (BSI/ASR) signed an addendum to the Commercial Agreement extending it for another year. A release was issued stating that "This extension will facilitate a smooth start to the 2026 crop season, slated to begin later this month." Understanding the realities of the existential challenges posed by climate change and Fusarium disease, the mealybug and other insects that were damaging the cane, the signing was considered urgent to move forward with the sugar crop in 2026.

Understandably, the industry has also suffered from other effects including those listed above. As the PM indicated in his address to the farmers emphasizing the importance of perseverance as the season gets underway. He said "In the face of disease, labour shortages, climate change shocks, rising costs and delayed starts, you chose not to retreat." The PM added "*You chose to plant, to maintain, to prepare. You chose entrepreneurship over fear, keeping your families fed and your communities alive. Belize owes you a debt of gratitude.*"

In a government press release, it is abundantly clear that the 2026 cane season is beginning with healthier cane fields (unlike last year), improved harvest quality, and greater operational readiness throughout the industry. It reads: Farmers, Associations, millers, and technical partners have completed extensive preparation to ensure a timely, efficient, and productive harvest and milling process.

Additionally, enhanced field management practices and the strengthening of monitoring diseases, and the recent weather patterns which have been favourable have contributed to a more stable and promising crop this year. The release pointed out that early indicators suggest improved cane quality, and a smoother start to the milling season, resulting in better outcomes for the farmers and the wider economy. In June of 2025 the Government of Belize (GOB) had provided some 2.5 million dollars to assist in the prevention of the Fusarium disease and the spraying of 54,000 acres of caneland. Although last year the industry experienced a low with 900, 000 tonnes it is being projected that the mill will hit the million tonnes mark for the 2026 crop season.

The Belize Sugar Industry has been the bedrock to employment in the North and a vital contributor to the Belizean economy. Data indicates that the industry supports approximately 40,000 people including 5, 000 farmers and has become a generator for foreign exchange earnings, and a major contributor to Belize's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) and Belize's agricultural exports.

The traditional "*throwing of the cane*" took place with the Prime Minister and industry stakeholders participating. The ceremonial throwing of the first cane onto the dumping table symbolizes unity, gratitude, the official start of the harvest (Zafra), and shared optimism for a prosperous, successful season. It brings together farmers, the industry personnel and the community to kick off the production cycle with hope and shared tradition.

By Hilly Bennett

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EDITORIAL

The Work Continues in 2026: With High Confidence!

The John Briceño administration, ushered in on the generational excellence of planBelize and partly on the decadence of the Barrow administration, has been accused and found guilty of being the hardest-working government ever to have led Belize. Such accolade has come from both supporters and opponents, from our citizens and our neighbours. Belize saw PM Briceño at the January 15 George Price Day Opening of the 75th Anniversary Exhibit, then some hours later, a Press release announces that he is leaving the country, but then, before you could watch the Monday Morning media exhaust, you see PM at the Sugar Cane delivery opening at the factory in Orange Walk. Phew!

Who can keep up? Not the Opposition nor the media… The latter have not found a formula to keep the people of Belize informed about progress in Belize in real time. The main news providers in Belize have lately found solace in presenting sensationalised nonsense and/or delivering manufactured news items. Look out for statements from the "news" like 'mass hysteria in Belize' and 'under intense scrutiny and pressure', and you will need to filter these out. We can imagine Belize's media as walking along the beach of Belizean progress, ignoring the beautiful sand. They would report one lonely greyish cloud up above as a thunderstorm. Such is the rhetoric of the media when reporting, for example, on the progress of the National Health Insurance, which is innovatively funded by the record proceeds of the Boledo sales. The PUP government is building hospitals in San Pedro and Belmopan, but the media focuses on where land will be purchased and a nonsensical quest for corruption. The Ministry of Infrastructure Development and Housing has paved or upgraded hundreds upon hundreds of miles of road with excellent value for money; the media finds one pothole in Timbuktu, and Aha! The road construction was faulty. The same Ministry has historically issued, or is close to issuing, 1,000 concrete houses to first-time and single-parent Belizeans; the media is in a perpetual search for the slightest hint of non-existent overreach. The fact is that under the PUP's planBelize the people are winning and the work of serving the people is relentless, and of better quality all the time.

In 2026, the following have collectively made Belize the envy of the world:

Major trade deals with Taiwan, El Salvador, the European Union, Mexico, and other smaller but important agreements that impact Belize's Gross Domestic Product.

Ultra-high confidence from the International Funding institutions like the World Bank, Caribbean Development Bank, Central American Bank of Economic Integration, International Development Bank, OPEC Fund for International Development, International Fund for Agricultural Development, the International Monetary Fund, and others. Belize has consistently outperformed projections.

Saudi Arabia, South Korea, Taiwan, Mexico, the United Kingdom, the United States, and Canada are among the countries that have also expressed confidence in Belize as an economic partner.

Large projects like main highway upgrades, major bridge replacements, brand new hospitals, total Health Insurance Coverage, purchase and subsequent share offerings of the three Hydroelectric Dams, three major solar panel farms, Storage batteries for excess current, world tourism destination excellence and the Tren Maya are all a part of the paradigm shift.

The move from incompetence to innovation, from secrecy to transparency, from bloated to cost-saving, from lackadaisical to relentless, from apathy to alacrity, and from nonfeasance to a glorious planBelize is benefiting the entire population of Belize. Today, we hear of Hydro Shares benefiting small investors and of Boledo uncollected winnings benefiting a charity. Such is the face of the people winning.

The Belizean workforce is growing by the day, and the unemployment rates remain low. The promise of everybody fih win is arguably being delivered just as people are already looking for more. Citizens continue to advocate for reduced income taxes, increased minimum wages, improved highway infrastructure, lower crime rates, enhanced job opportunities, and more dependable access to water, electricity, and internet services. Additionally, there is a growing demand for greater transparency. Belize's democracy is at a level it has never been before, thanks to the leadership of John Briceño. He and the ministers are indefatigable in their quest to lead the people in eradicating poverty and improving the quality of life for all. Thank God, the reasons for all the above are the people of Belize and their great desire to see a better Belize; so, the people's work continues.

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El Trabajo Continúa en 2026: ¡Con Gran Confianza

La administración de John Briceño, que se inauguró gracias a la excelencia generacional del planBelice y, en parte, a la decadencia de la administración Barrow, ha sido acusada y declarada culpable de ser el gobierno más trabajador que jamás haya liderado Belice. Tal elogio proviene tanto de sus partidarios como de sus oponentes, de nuestros ciudadanos y de nuestros vecinos. Belice vio al primer ministro Briceño el 15 de enero, día de George Price, en la inauguración de la exposición del 75.º aniversario, y unas horas más tarde, un comunicado de prensa anunciaba que abandonaba el país, pero entonces, antes de que pudieras ver el agotamiento de los medios de comunicación del lunes por la mañana, ves al primer ministro en la inauguración de la entrega de caña de azúcar en la fábrica de Orange Walk. ¡Uf!

¿Quién puede seguir el ritmo? Ni la oposición ni los medios de comunicación... Estos últimos no han encontrado la fórmula para mantener a la población de Belice informada sobre los avances en el país en tiempo real. Los principales proveedores de noticias de Belice han encontrado últimamente consuelo en presentar tonterías sensacionalistas y/o difundir noticias fabricadas. Esté atento a declaraciones de las «noticias» como «histeria colectiva en Belice» y «bajo intenso escrutinio y presión», y tendrá que filtrarlas. Podemos imaginar a los medios de comunicación de Belice caminando por la playa del progreso beliceño, ignorando la hermosa arena. Informarían de una solitaria nube grisácea en el cielo como si se tratara de una tormenta eléctrica. Tal es la retórica de los medios de comunicación cuando informan, por ejemplo, sobre los avances del Seguro Nacional de Salud, que se financia de forma innovadora con los ingresos récord de las ventas del Boledo. El gobierno del PUP está construyendo hospitales en San Pedro y Belmopán, pero los medios de comunicación se centran en dónde se comprará el terreno y en una búsqueda sin sentido de la corrupción. El Ministerio de Desarrollo de Infraestructuras y Vivienda ha pavimentado o mejorado cientos y cientos de kilómetros de carreteras con una excelente relación calidad-precio; los medios de comunicación encuentran un bache en Tombuctú y ¡ajá! La construcción de la carretera fue defectuosa. El mismo Ministerio ha concedido, o está a punto de conceder, 1000 viviendas de hormigón a beliceños que compran por primera vez y a familias monoparentales; los medios de comunicación buscan constantemente el más mínimo indicio de extralimitación inexistente. El hecho es que, con el plan del PUP, el pueblo beliceño está ganando y el trabajo de servir al pueblo es incansable y de mejor calidad cada vez.

En 2026, los siguientes factores han convertido a Belice en la envidia del mundo: Importantes acuerdos comerciales con Taiwán, El Salvador, la Unión Europea, México y otros acuerdos más pequeños pero importantes que repercuten en el producto interior bruto de Belice.

Confianza muy alta por parte de instituciones financieras internacionales, como el Banco Mundial, el Banco de Desarrollo del Caribe, el Banco Centroamericano de Integración Económica, el Banco Internacional de Desarrollo, el Fondo OPEP para el Desarrollo Internacional, el Fondo Internacional de Desarrollo Agrícola, el Fondo Monetario Internacional, entre otros. Belice ha superado constantemente las previsiones.

Arabia Saudita, Corea del Sur, Taiwán, México, el Reino Unido, los Estados Unidos y Canadá se encuentran entre los países que también han expresado su confianza en Belice como socio económico.

Grandes proyectos como la mejora de las principales autopistas, la sustitución de puentes importantes, la construcción de nuevos hospitales, la cobertura total del seguro médico, la compra y la posterior oferta de acciones de las tres presas hidroeléctricas, tres grandes parques de paneles solares, baterías de almacenamiento para el exceso de corriente, la excelencia como destino turístico mundial y el Tren Maya forman parte del cambio de paradigma.

El paso de la incompetencia a la innovación, del secretismo a la transparencia, de la opulencia al ahorro, de la indiferencia a la tenacidad, de la apatía a la diligencia y de la inacción a un plan glorioso está beneficiando a toda la población de Belice. Hoy en día, oímos hablar de Hydro Share, que beneficia a los pequeños inversores, y de los premios no cobrados de Boledo, que benefician a una organización benéfica. Así es el rostro de la gente que gana.

La población activa de Belice crece día a día y las tasas de desempleo siguen siendo bajas. La promesa de que todos ganen se está cumpliendo, mientras la gente ya busca más. Los ciudadanos siguen abogando por la reducción de los impuestos sobre la renta, el aumento del salario mínimo, la mejora de la infraestructura de las carreteras, la reducción de las tasas de delincuencia, la mejora de las oportunidades de empleo y un acceso más fiable al agua, la electricidad y los servicios de Internet. Además, existe una demanda creciente de mayor transparencia. La democracia de Belice se encuentra en un nivel sin precedentes, gracias al liderazgo de John Briceño. Él y los ministros son incansables en su empeño por guiar al pueblo en la erradicación de la pobreza y la mejora de la calidad de vida de todos. Gracias a Dios, las razones de todo lo anterior son el pueblo de Belice y su gran deseo de ver un Belice mejor; por lo tanto, el trabajo del pueblo continúa.

George Price Day

Remarks by Minister of Education, Culture Hon. Francis Fonseca January 15, 2026

Good morning everyone, good morning. During the 1940s, movements for decolonization and workers' rights gained momentum in Belize, then the colony of British Honduras. A small group of mostly Jesuit - Educated leaders became instrumental in advancing the nationalist movement, challenging the inequities of colonialism. Their agitation against colonialism and improving workers' rights was readily received by fellow compatriots, yearning for more political authority to direct their development. By 1949, Belize faced significant social and economic challenges, including a decline in the mahogany and chicle industries. The economic strain deepened when the colonial governor used his reserve power to devalue the British Honduras dollar, exacerbating public discontent. In response to these crises, a group of concerned activists formed the People's Committee, to address the worsening conditions, confront colonial policies, and advocate for self -government. The Committee's strategy emphasized national unity for resisting devaluation and advancing the fight for self -determination. By August of 1950, George Price, the People's Committee's secretary, was actively involved in organizing and mobilizing these efforts. The People's Committee became the People's United Party.

In 2020, the government of Belize declared January 15th, the birthday of George Price, as a national holiday to honor the Father of the Nation. This decision reflects our commitment to his vision of an independent Belize. As we reflect on Mr. Price's immense contributions, it is vital that we ensure his legacy is remembered and passed on, especially to our young people. The National Institute of Culture and History, the National Celebrations Commission, and the People's United Party Executive partnered to produce a national historical exhibition to mark 75 years since the founding of the People's United Party. That exhibition was launched on the 27th of September, 2025 at the Bankitas House of Culture in Orange Walk Town, and has since traveled to almost all of Belize's municipalities, engaging citizens, students, and educators. The tour has recorded more than 2,500 in-person visits to date, and 500 commemorative booklets have been disseminated. The exhibition, of course, will be on display here at Independence Hall starting today. And the traveling version is scheduled to conclude in San Pedro Town from February 9th to February 13th. Conceived as part of NICH broader work to document and analyze Belize's development, the exhibition explores the origins, evolution, and impact of the People's United Party within the country's struggle for independence and democratic governance. The exhibition presents prominent milestones and transition points through photographs and archival records, supported by curated thematic panels.

Origins and the early years 1950-1964, from protest to independence 1964-1981. Independence victory and turning points. From 1981-1998. Modernization and two terms in government from 1998 – 2008, Renewal in opposition from 2008 to 2020 A return to government and vision 2020 and ongoing The United Women's Group Party leaders of the People's United Party And Deputy Prime Ministers of the People's United Party, Three public engagement features were incorporated throughout the tour These included a PUP at 75 photo backdrop, A PUP memories wall where visitors recorded names and contributions of PUP members and a display recognizing local PUP stalwarts in each location visited. I wish to place on record my thanks to the organizers and partners, The National Institute of Culture and History, The Institute for Social and Cultural Research, The Museum of Belize, The Houses of Culture, The People's United Party, Chairman and Executive Committee, The Belize Archives and Records Service, The Belize National Library Service and Information System, and the relevant PUP offices across the country, Our town councils and city councils as well.

My friends, over its 75 -year history it is undeniable that the People's United Party has been on the front line of every major development and achievement in Belize's history. The history of the PUP and the history of Belize are therefore inextricably woven together. Today we gather to honor that legacy on the birthday of the central figure in both the People's United Party and Belize's history over the past 75 years, Our national hero Father of the nation George Price.

Today we renew our pledge to carry on his work and vision with honor, integrity and compassion. I thank you for being here with us this morning.

George Price Day

Remarks by Hon. Henry Charles Usher January 15, 2026

Good Morning!

Excellency, Governor General Dame Froyla Tzalam, Prime Minister Hon John Briceno, Foreign Minister Hon. Francis Fonseca, members of the Cabinet, members of the National Assembly, Dean of the Diplomatic Corp and other members, friends of Belize, members of National Executive of the People's United Party, Marshalls and other Party Arms, Party supporters, students, and all Belizeans gathered here today and tuning in on the various forms of media. Thank you for joining us for George Price Day.

Thank you especially to Father Brian Christopher for marking the solemnity of this occasion with a blessing. George Price believed in the cross of service. He said that in order to live a fulfilled life, one had to serve God, the vertical of the cross and serve the people, the horizontal of the cross. And yes George Price served his God. He went to Church every day. He said the rosary every day. His teachings and philosophy were rooted in Christian democracy. And yes he served the Belizean people. And it is that service that we are here to celebrate. For me, this day carries an added layer of meaning. I am here as Party Chairman and as his grand nephew. I am proud of the family connection, but I am even more grateful for the national inheritance he left us: a vision of Belize grounded in dignity, participation, and hope.

When we speak about George Price, we are not only speaking about independence and politics. We are speaking about a mindset. He believed that leadership is service. He believed that our people matter. He believed that our democracy is not a decoration, it is a daily practice. And he believed that the future of Belize is strongest when every Belizean feels seen, heard, and valued. That is why this day should never feel like a routine ceremony. George Price Day is a reminder that our nation was built with faith, patience, and a steady commitment to unity. He taught us that Belize grows when we build together, when we treat each other with respect, and when we choose dialogue over division. Even when the issues were difficult, he had the courage to consult, to listen, to reason, and to move forward with conviction.

50 years ago in the pages of the Belize Times newspaper he wrote two articles, entitled **"One People One Nation"** and **"The People Must Benefit."**

In the first article he explained, **"that the people as a whole are the true builders of the nation and that the nation exists to make better their lives and especially to satisfy their basic needs."**

In the second article, Mr. Price continued, **"It would not only be unjust, but it would go against the march of history if the few would reap all the fruits of the people's accomplishments. The people are the reality of national greatness."**

In today's Belize, that example matters. We can all feel the pressures of this moment. People want safety in their communities. Parents want stability for their families. Young people want a fair chance to succeed. Citizens want to know that their voices count, not only at election time, but in the everyday decisions that shape their lives.oday, let us respond to that reality with confidence, not fear. Let us choose optimism that is backed by action. Let us choose a style of leadership that is calm, steady, and close to the people. Let us choose nation building.

If we are serious about honouring George Price, then we must keep strengthening the habits he modelled. We must consult more, and consult better. We must make it easier for people to participate. We must explain decisions clearly, speak honestly, and show respect even when opinions differ. We must make sure policies are

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BELIZE BUSINESS PROCESS OUTSOURCING ASSOCIATION
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Official Statement
Belize Business Process Outsourcing Association (BBPOA)

The Belize Business Process Outsourcing Association (BBPOA) acknowledges recent media reports and public discussions regarding alleged credit card fraud linked to individuals associated with the BPO sector. We recognize the seriousness of these concerns and the importance of addressing them in a manner that reinforces confidence among local stakeholders, international partners, and current and prospective clients.

Let us be clear:

Any form of fraud, data misuse, or criminal activity is unacceptable and does not reflect the values, standards, or professional practices of Belize's BPO industry.

Belize's BPO sector has grown into one of the country's most dynamic and impactful industries. According to the Government of Belize and industry data, the sector now employs approximately 16,000–20,000 Belizeans, providing thousands of stable, well-paid jobs and contributing significantly to foreign exchange earnings. With an estimated US$150 million in annual wages, the industry plays a meaningful role in supporting families, communities, and national economic stability.

This growth has helped diversify Belize's economy beyond traditional sectors such as tourism and agriculture, creating sustainable career opportunities while strengthening Belize's position as a competitive nearshore services destination through continued investment in infrastructure, skills development, and operational excellence.

Established BPO providers in Belize operate under strict international standards and governance frameworks, supported by robust operational controls designed to protect sensitive data, ensure service continuity, and maintain client trust. These organizations consistently invest in secure technology environments, compliance programs, and workforce training to meet the expectations of global clients and regulators alike.

Adherence to PCI DSS requirements remains fundamental to daily operations across the sector. Secure network architecture, data encryption, restricted access protocols, continuous monitoring, and regular third-party audits form the foundation of responsible service delivery and client protection.

The BBPOA fully supports the Government of Belize and law enforcement agencies as they conduct a thorough and transparent investigation into the recent allegations. In parallel, the Association is actively working with its member companies to review security protocols, reinforce compliance standards, and strengthen industry-wide best practices to prevent future incidents.

We emphasize that:

-The vast majority of BPO professionals in Belize are ethical, well-trained, and committed to international best practices.

-The continued expansion of the sector plays a vital role in national employment and economic growth.

-The BBPOA remains focused on continuous improvement, accountability, and responsible industry leadership.

We recognize the concerns expressed by affected businesses and community leaders. Through constructive dialogue, proactive oversight, and collaboration with key stakeholders, the BBPOA is committed to ensuring that Belize's BPO industry remains secure, reliable, and globally competitive.

Transparency, integrity, and accountability will continue to guide our actions.

— Belize Business Process Outsourcing Association (BBPOA)

TENDER

BELIZE ELECTRICITY LIMITED

The Provision of Marine Support Services for Belize District

Belize Electricity Limited invites tenders for the Provision of Marine Support Services **starting on Friday, January 9, 2026.** The works include, but are not limited to the following:

- Provide marine vessels, lifting equipment, commercial diving services, and offshore operations support.

Location:
Belize District – Marine distance between San Pedro (South) and Caye Caulker (North)

Bidders are also invited to a **pre-bid meeting at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, January 23, 2026,** that will be held in **Belize City at the BEL Magazine Road Compound.** The meeting will be immediately followed by a site visit to the work area, which will be conducted via a boat provided by BEL.

Interested bidders can email their request for a copy of the bid document to **bidcorrespondence@bel.com.bz,** which outlines all duties and responsibilities of the contract.

Tenders must be submitted via email **no later than 10:00 a.m. local time on Friday, February 6, 2026.**

Email: bidsubmittal@bel.com.bz
Email Subject: BID #NCB-032601-WORKS – Provision of Marine Support Services – Belize District

Kindly send names of personnel attending the pre-bid meeting to **bidcorrespondence@bel.com.bz** using the email subject provided. Bidders will be required to submit a fixed price quotation to perform the services as outlined in the tender document.

For more information or queries, send email to bidcorrespondence@bel.com.bz

BEL reserves the right to accept or reject any bid, and to annul the process and reject all bids, at any time prior to award of contract, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected prospective bidder(s) or any obligation to inform the affected prospective bidder(s) of the grounds for BEL's action. BEL will not defray any costs incurred by any bidder in the preparation of bids.

NEXGEN

APPLICATION FOR A TELECOMMUNICATIONS NOTICE

The **Central TV & Internet Limited** of **Mile 67, George Price Highway**

Red Creek, Cayo District hereby informs the public that pursuant to the Telecommunications (Licensing Classification, Authorisation, and Fee Structure) Regulations, 2020, as amended from time to time, has applied to the **Public Utilities Commission** (PUC) for the **RENEWAL** of **a Class** Licence to provide high-speed internet services in Belize.

Interested parties are invited to submit comments on this application within two (2) weeks of this publication. Comments can be sent to telecom@puc.bz

Viewing of Application for the Telecommunications Licence:
Members of the public and all other interested parties may view the application along with associated information at the offices of the Public Utilities Commission or at the offices of Central TV & Internet Headquarters at Mile 67, George Price Highway Red Creek, Cayo District

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INVITATION TO BID

Institution: **MINISTRY OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT, CLIMATE CHANGE, & SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT, GOVERNMENT OF BELIZE.**

Tender: Invitation to Bid – Procurement of Two (2) Industrial Wood Chippers

The Government of Belize (GOB), through the Belize Solid Waste Management Authority within the Ministry of Sustainable Development, Climate Change & Solid Waste Management, invites suitable companies to submit their bid proposal for the supply and delivery of two (2) wooden chippers.

Required Specifications not limited to:

1. Engine: Gasoline Powered, minimum 25HP
2. Usage: Suitable for municipal or institutional use
3. Configuration: Trailer-mounted or towable
4. Delivery: Fully assembled, tested, and ready for operation
5. Spare Parts: several parts must be included
6. Warranty: One (1) Year

For a complete Request for Quotation, which details further specifications required as well as Submission Procedures, kindly request via email at procurement.officer@environment.gov.bz

Deadline for submission: February 6th, 2026, 10:00 a.m.

INVITATION TO BID

Institution: **MINISTRY OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT, CLIMATE CHANGE, & SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT, GOVERNMENT OF BELIZE.**

Tender: Invitation to Bid – Procurement of Three (3) Pickup Trucks for the Belize Solid Waste Management Authority

The Government of Belize (GOB), through the BSWMA within the Ministry of Sustainable Development, Climate Change, & Solid Waste Management, invites suitable companies to submit their bid proposal for the supply and delivery of three (3) pickup trucks.

Minimum Required Specifications:

1. Model Year: 2025 or newer
2. Engine: 1.5 – 3.0 L Turbo Diesel
3. Transmission: Two (2) Automatic & One (1) Manual
4. Warranty: Five Years / 100,000KM Bumper to Bumper
5. Delivery: Within 6 weeks from award

For a complete Request for Quotation, which details further specifications required as well as Submission Procedures, kindly request via email at procurement.officer@environment.gov.bz

Deadline for submission: February 6th, 2026, 10:00 a.m.

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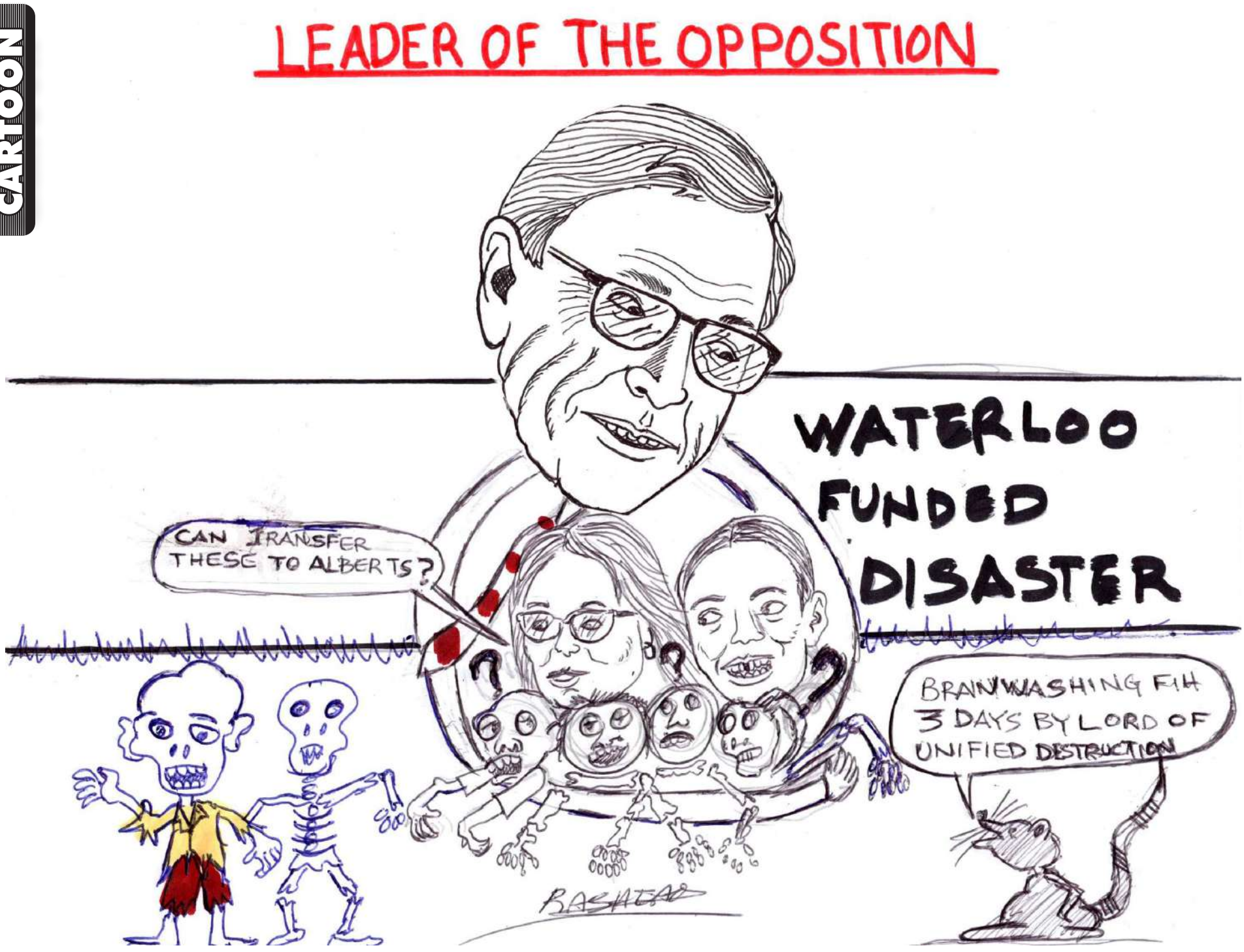


Prime Minister John Briceño
Tribute Speech
Honoring the Rt. Hon. George Price
Father of the Nation

15th January 2026

Good morning.

Welcome to the House that George Built and the home of the People's United Party.

Distinguished guests, fellow Belizeans, and friends.

We gather here with deep respect and gratitude to honor a man whose life shaped the destiny of our nation. Today, and I hope for centuries to come, Belizeans, young and old, will gather each year to celebrate the extraordinary legacy of the Rt. Honorable George Price, the Father of our Nation. Mister Price was not just a political leader. He was a visionary, a servant of the people, and a Godly man, guided by strong Christian values. His life was dedicated to one mission: to see Belize free, united, and standing proudly among the nations of the world. Those of us who knew him and this generation who studied his life know that George Price grew up witnessing poverty, inequality, and the struggles of ordinary Belizeans.

So from a young age, he understood that leadership was not about power, but about service. Inspired by his Catholic faith, Mr Price believed that every human being deserved dignity, opportunity, and justice. These Christian principles guided every step of his journey. He believed and practiced compassion for the poor, respect for human life, and he insisted that it was the moral responsibility of leaders who were a part of his organization, serve with humility. These values became the foundation of his political philosophy and his lifelong work. Mr. Price was gentle on the surface, but beneath that was a man strong in his moral convictions.

When he entered public service, Belize, was still under colonial rule. We the people did not get to determine own future. Mr. Price did not like this because he believed that Belizeans deserved the right to govern themselves. He was convinced and he convinced the world that our nation could stand strong, independent, and united. Through determination, sacrifice, and unwavering faith, he led the Peaceful, Constructive, Belizean Revolution, a struggle for self-government and independence.

He did so enduring criticism, opposition, and immense pressure, yet he never abandoned his dream. He trusted in God's guidance and in the resilience of the Belizean people. It was right and just that he was who became Belize's first Prime Minister and the person who stood post on that historic day, the Belizean flag was raised for the first time, and a new chapter was written in our nation's story.

Mr. Price guided our young nation through its earliest and most delicate years. He laid the foundation for our democracy, our institutions, and our national identity. He did all this and yet he was equally outstanding for those things he called treasures of the spirit: humility, simplicity, faith.

He walked among the people.

He listened to farmers, teachers, fishermen, and market vendors.

He believed leadership meant walking with the people, not above them.

He often reminded us that Belize is not just a piece of land, but a family. A family bound by shared history, shared struggles, and shared hope.

He believed in unity across race, culture, and religion. In a diverse nation, he preached harmony and mutual respect.

He believed that God had a purpose for Belize, and that our nation must be built on justice, peace, and love for one another.

He encouraged everyone to care for the vulnerable, to educate the young, and to build a society rooted in moral values.

Even after leaving office, George Price never stopped serving. He continued to mentor young leaders, speak on national issues, and reminded us of our responsibility to protect Belize's sovereignty and independence.

Today, as we reflect on his life, we are reminded that freedom is not inherited. It is earned, protected, and defended by each generation. George Price gave us the gift of independence, but it is our duty to preserve it. He showed us that one man, guided by faith and driven by love for his people, can change the course of history.

I am sure you will see all this in what is captured in this installation that and I hope many come to see it. **I call on all our educators to bring their students to see this so they can better understand the life and work of George Price.**

Today as we celebrate the contribution of the Father of our Nation, let us recommit ourselves to the values he lived by: service, humility, integrity, unity, and faith. Let us continue to build the Belize into a Nation that is just. Let us build a Belize that is peaceful. A Belize that stands strong and proud. In so doing we will be ensuring that Mr. Price's legacy lives on in our hearts, in our institutions, and in every Belizean who believes in the power of service and the promise of our nation.

Thank you,
Que Viva George Price
God bless you and may God bless Belize.

Launch of 2026–2030
National Rural Development Strategy
Remarks by
Prime Minister John Briceño
21st January

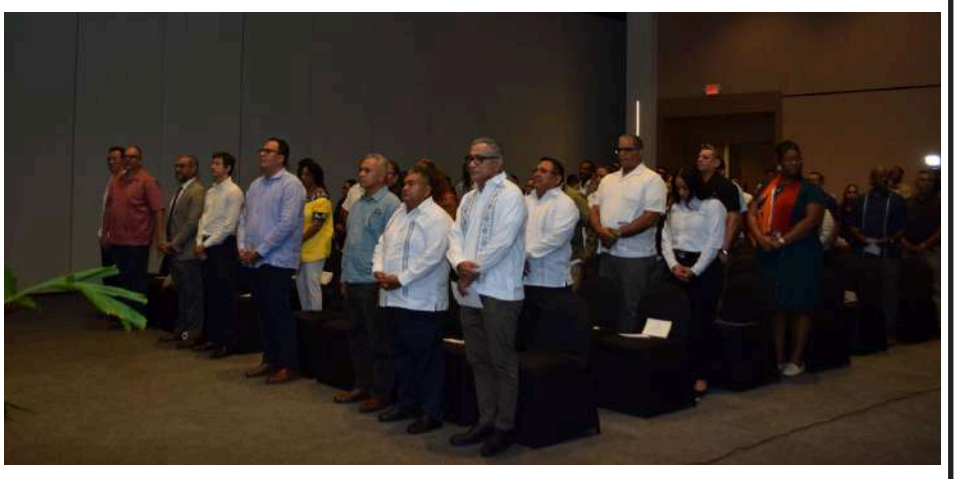
Good morning.

Let me begin by saying how pleased I am to join you for the launch of Belize's National Rural Development Strategy 2026–2030. This is an important day for our country, because for the first time, Belize has a Cabinet-approved national strategy dedicated to rural development; this brings long-term focus, coordination, and direction to an area that is integral to our economy and national wellbeing. This Strategy speaks to farmers, families, entrepreneurs, and young people across rural Belize who want opportunities close to home and a future they can believe in.

The NRDS is not about promises on paper. It is a thoroughly researched and clearly thought-out roadmap to address a set of critical constraints to growth and rural development in Belize. It represents a deliberate choice by this Government to plan better, coordinate better, and deliver better so that rural development is no longer an afterthought, but a national priority. This Strategy is about discipline and alignment. It is about ensuring that public investment delivers tangible improvements in the lives of our rural people.

It also sends a clear message to our private sector and development partners: Belize is ready to work in partnership to unlock investment, create opportunity, and build resilient rural economies.

This Strategy is about focus. It is about coordination, and most importantly, it is about results. It ensures that when Government plans, when we invest, and when we deliver, we do so with clear purpose so that rural communities see real improvements in opportunity, services, livelihoods, and the quality of their lives. This Strategy is



about shaping a Belize where progress is shared, development is balanced, and no community is left behind as the country moves forward.

I want to commend the Ministry of Rural Transformation for its leadership in bringing this Strategy to life, and to acknowledge the collaboration of the Ministry of Economic Transformation, other line ministries, partners, and all those who helped shape this work.

I also wish to recognize the support of the Central American Bank for Economic Integration, whose partnership helped make this Strategy possible.

As Prime Minister, I want to be clear: this Government is committed to ensuring that the NRDS is not just launched, but implemented because rural Belize deserves action, investment, and results.

Let us move forward together, confident that by strengthening our rural communities, we are strengthening Belize.

Thank you, and may God bless Belize.

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George Price Day

Remarks by
Hon. Henry Charles Usher
January 15, 2026

not only well written on paper, but felt in real life, in the daily experience of families, teachers, farmers, entrepreneurs, public officers, and our young people.

We must also recommit to the kind of public service that makes citizens proud. Service that is efficient. Service that is fair. Service that is transparent. Service that treats every person with dignity, regardless of background, last name, village, or party colour.

And we must keep investing in what Price always valued: building a Belize that can stand tall in the region and in the world, a Belize that does not turn its back on its friends, a Belize that believes in its young people, a Belize that protects its democracy, a Belize that grows opportunity, and a Belize that never forgets that leadership is a trust.

So today, I invite us to celebrate more than a legacy. I invite us to renew a spirit. A spirit of unity. A spirit of participation. A spirit of courage. A spirit of hope.

And I want to end with a simple national challenge.

Let us make every January 15th more than a holiday. Let us make it a day of personal and civic growth. A day where every Belizean commits to learning something new. Learn a new fact about our history. Learn a new skill that can improve your household. Learn something that helps you serve your community better. Learn something that makes you a stronger citizen, a better neighbour, a more informed voter, a more capable leader in your own circle. On this George Price Day and every George Price Day let us live the George Price Way.

If we do that year after year, we will not only remember George Price. We will practice the kind of nation building he lived for.

I end with a brief tribute to a legend, Winton Lord. Everyone knows him as Tall B, who went to meet his maker yesterday. He was a soldier of the revolution, working closely with George Price. In fact he called him Tio George. A general of Fort George, Tall B believed in the value of hard work and service to the people, and as everyone in Fort George, Yabra, Bismark the whole country know, Tall B did it with style. Rest easy Tallers, you will be greatly missed.

Ladies and Gentlemen thank you for giving me the opportunity to share these remarks with you. Thank you for believing in Belize. The march of progress will continue as we rededicate ourselves to the principles enshrined in our Party's constitution, social, economic and environmental justice.

May God bless the memory of Rt. Hon. George Cadle Price. May God bless our people. And may God bless Belize.

Thank you!

Ministry of
Human Development, Family Support, and Gender Affairs

WHAT WE DO WEDNESDAY

Next Week's Feature:

How does government support reach individuals and families facing economic hardship?
Next Wednesday, the Ministry of Human Development, Family Support and Gender Affairs continues its What We Do Wednesday series by highlighting the Social Assistance Programme and the BOOST Programme-key initiatives that provide financial support and social protection to eligible individuals and families across Belize.
Learn how these programmes help promote stability, dignity, and opportunity for those in need.

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Serving People. Strengthening Families. Building Communities.

Real Leader of Opposition, Michael Ashcroft?

January 22, 2025 - The United Democratic Party (UDP) is once again in the public spotlight following the staging of a Caribbean Democrat Union (CDU) Training Initiative in Belize City—an event the party says was aimed at strengthening leadership, rebuilding internal capacity, and positioning itself as a government-in-waiting. But beyond the official statements and polished press releases, questions are growing about who is truly calling the shots within the Opposition.

According to the CDU, the three-day training—held from January 16 to 18—brought together UDP standard bearers, caretakers, members of the Central Executive Committee, and youth and women representatives. The sessions focused on strategic thinking, organizational strengthening, effective communication, and best practices drawn from the UK Westminster parliamentary model. A notable feature was a presentation on the UDP's constitutional review process, delivered by Senator Patrick Faber, Chair of the party's Constitution Review Committee.

UDP Leader of the Opposition Tracy Panton welcomed the initiative, publicly thanking the CDU, the Westminster Foundation for Democracy (WFD), and the Leadership Institute for their support. In a Facebook post, Panton said the training would help the UDP "rebuild, renew, and effectively represent the needs and interests of the Belizean people," adding that a strong UDP is essential to a strong democracy.

On paper, the exercise reflects a party attempting to regroup after an electoral defeat. However, the timing and surrounding circumstances have raised eyebrows among political observers.

This CDU training follows a series of developments that have fuelled speculation about the growing influence of British billionaire Michael Ashcroft within UDP affairs. Just weeks earlier, three UDP members reportedly attended a training exercise in the United States ahead of Christmas. Before that, public attention was drawn to Tracy Panton's meeting with Ashcroft aboard his yacht, *Atlantic Goose*—a meeting that reignited long-standing concerns about the financier's role in Belizean politics.

Now, following the CDU engagement, reports indicate that members of the UDP were hosted at Ashcroft-owned Radisson Fort George Hotel, where they were, by several accounts, "wined and dined." While there is nothing inherently improper about political actors attending trainings or social gatherings, the recurring presence of Ashcroft-linked venues and settings has prompted renewed public scrutiny.

The CDU maintains that the training hub forms part of a wider regional effort to strengthen democratic culture by engaging political parties as essential pillars of representative democracy. Nick Francis, Caribbean Regional Coordinator for the Conservatives WFD Programme, emphasized that engaging stakeholders is key to broadening democratic values and institutions across the region.

Still, the optics matter. For a party that has historically been criticized for its relationship with Ashcroft, the convergence of training, travel, high-end venues, and private meetings has left many Belizeans asking uncomfortable but necessary questions.

Who is financing these engagements? Who paid the bill? And more importantly, who is setting the direction of the UDP at this critical juncture?

The UDP insists it is focused on renewal and readiness to serve. But as the party seeks to reassert itself as a credible alternative government, transparency will be essential. Belizeans are watching closely—not just the content of training sessions, but the company the Opposition keeps and the influence behind the scenes. Many Belizeans are waiting on Tracy and Faber to confess on the wrongdoings and corruption within the 2008-2020 UDP Barrow Administration. Credible full confession involves outright resignations. This includes Hugo of course. All are politically fatally compromised. Same old UDP!

Dec 2025 Million Dalla Jackpot Uncollected $111,111.11 To Charitable Organization

Belize Government Lotteries Ltd. hereby advises the general public that 8 of the 9 winning tickets of the Million Dalla Jackpot game that w.as drawn on December 20, 2025 have been paid; for a total payout of $888,888.88. One ticket was not presented for redemption. As per game rules contained in the Terms & Conditions and printed on the back side of each paper ticket, "Prize winnings which are not claimed within thirty (30) days from the drawing date shall be forfeited. •

The total unclaimed winnings for the Million Dalla Jackpot game drawn on December 20, 2025, amounts to $111,111.11. Customarily, all unclaimed winnings of the games administered by the Belize Government Lotteries L1d. revert to the company's total revenue.

In the case of the Million Dalla Jackpot game, the profits of the game w ere earmarked to be donated to a charitable organization to be decided upon by the company's Board of Directors. Unfortunately, this year's sales did not produce a profit. Nevertheless, it has been decided that the unclaimed winnings in the amount of $111,111.11will be donated to a charitable organization. The recipient or recipients of such donation shall be decided upon at the next meeting of the Board of Directors scheduled for mid-February.

Belize Government Lotteries Ltd. once again thanks all. players for their continued support and reaffirms its commitment to full transparency and accountability at all times. We take this opportunity to remind you that the profits from all games of the Belize Government Lotteries Ltd. are used to fund social programs such as the National Health Insurance, sports and other charitable programs for the benefit of all Belizeans. (release)

Ed – By donating the proceeds to a charity, the Social Justice DNA of the People's United Party shows itself in all its splendor. The million dalla jackpot is a gift back to the people as the winnings have the impact of changing lives for the better. The same will happen with the uncollected over a hundred thousand.

The People Acknowledge Price's Legacy They Honouring it as Their Own

Belizeans gathered in with pride and patriotic reflection on January 15 to honour the life, leadership, and enduring legacy of the Rt. Hon. George Cadle Price, Belize's Father of the Nation. This year's observance carried added significance, coinciding with the People's United Party's 75th anniversary, and together these milestones told a powerful story of national awakening, people-centered leadership, and the journey from colony to sovereign state.

The Ladyville Seventh-day Adventist Primary School Choir delivered a stirring rendition of the National Anthem, while Father Brian Christopher offered blessings that echoed the deep faith that guided Price's personal life and political philosophy. This event reflected his enduring belief that nation-building required moral grounding, humility, and service to others.

January 15, now observed for the sixth consecutive year as a public and bank holiday, commemorates Price's birth on January 15, 1919. The designation of the day as a national holiday in 2021 under Prime Minister John Briceño further cemented Price's place at the center of Belizean identity. His leadership spanned decades, from the struggle for self-government to independence in 1981, when he became Belize's first Prime Minister, and again during his later term from 1989 to 1993. In 2000, he was named the first recipient of the Order of National Hero, Belize's highest honour. Outside the PUP Secretariat on Queen Street, speakers reflected on Price's philosophy and its relevance today.

Belize City Mayor Bernard Wagner reminded Belizeans that legacy carries responsibility. "*Birthdays invite reflection*," he said. His remarks framed George Price Day as both remembrance and obligation.

PUP Chairman Henry Charles Usher, Mr. Price's grandnephew, offered a tribute rooted in faith and service. He described Mr. Price's belief in what he called the "*cross of service*," where devotion to God and service to people intersected. Chairman Usher emphasized that Price viewed leadership not as authority, but as duty, and democracy not as a single declaration, but as a daily practice built on inclusion, dialogue, and respect.

Minister of Foreign Affairs, Education, and Culture, Hon. Francis Fonseca, highlighted the importance of preserving Price's legacy, especially for young Belizeans. He noted the success of the national exhibition dedicated to Price's life and work, which has drawn thousands of visitors and distributed commemorative materials to schools and communities. According to Minister Fonseca, education remains central to ensuring that Price's ideals endure beyond ceremony.

Prime Minister Hon. John Briceño called on Belizeans to actively defend the independence Price secured. He reminded the nation that freedom is not inherited automatically,

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CABEI Central American Bank for Economic Integration

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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
CONSULTANCY FOR PROCUREMENT OFFICER FOR THE BELIZE INTEGRAL SECURITY PROGRAMME (BISP)
Nº CABEI-CS-001- 2147/2026

BACKGROUND

The Government of Belize (GOB) is implementing a security programme with the overall objective of improving the quality of life of Belizeans and supporting regional efforts to combat crime. The key goal of the Belize Integral Security Programme (BISP) is to strengthen citizen security by providing support to those institutions directly engaged in maintaining national security. The Central American Bank for Economic Integration (CABEI), as part of the services it provides to its beneficiary member countries, is providing the total financing for the procurement of a consultant to fill the role of Procurement Officer in the framework of the Belize Integral Security Programme (BISP). The Ministry of **Economic Transformation** will be responsible for the execution of the Programme and all its components, reporting all progress to CABEI and ensuring the execution of each component under the terms established for CABEI formulation and approval. The General Objectives of the consultancy to be contracted are to ensure the timely procurement of all Goods, Works, Services, and Consultancies subject to CABEI's Procurement Guidelines and Belize's Procurement Guidelines.

The Ministry of **Economic Transformation** now invites interested consultants to present their expressions of interest along with their respective resumes to participate in the selection process for the consultancy of a Procurement Officer with the Belize Integral Security Programme (BISP).

SCOPE OF WORK

The Procurement Officer is responsible for overall and day-to-day procurement activities for goods, works, services, and consultancies, subject to CABEI Procurement Guidelines and in accordance with the Project's Operations Manual and the Loan Contract. The Procurement Officer will prepare Annual Procurement Plans (APP) and develop technical specifications for goods, works, and services contained in the APP. In addition to preparing monthly Procurement Reports for the Project Coordinator, he/she will prepare Quarterly Reports detailing the goods and services procured and funds disbursed for the previous period, the challenges encountered, and how they were resolved. He/she will also be responsible for contract administration.

SUPERVISION AND REPORTING

The Procurement Officer will work under the general guidance and report directly to the Project Coordinator. The post will be based at the Office of the Programme Executing Unit in Belmopan.

ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

The successful candidate shall have at least a bachelor's degree in business administration, Procurement, Public Administration, Business Management, Accounting, Finance, Economics, Law, Engineering or other related disciplines, or a master's degree in accounting, finance, economics, business administration, procurement, law, public administration, engineering, business management, or other related disciplines. A minimum of three (3) years' experience in procurement processes of goods, works, and consulting services, and prior project management training or experience will be considered an advantage. Experience working with Multilateral Banks and knowledge of CABEI's procurement guidelines and procedures will be positively valued. Knowledge of written and spoken Spanish would be an asset.

TERMS

The Procurement Officer will be selected by a competitive process in accordance with the Policy for the Procurement of Goods, Works, Services, and Consultancies with CABEI resources and its Norms for Application (DI-52/2020 / PRE-40/2021). The successful candidate will be employed on a full-time contractual basis; the initial contract will be for one year.

Interested eligible Consultants may obtain further information and the complete Terms of Reference from the Programme Execution Unit of the BISP. Requests should be addressed to procurement_officer.bisp@met.gov.bz and copied to adminassistant.bisp@met.gov.bz and projectcoordinator.bisp@met.gov.bz during office hours of 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. local time from Monday to Friday; or you can visit the Ministry of Economic Transformation's webpage, https://met.gov.bz, to download the Terms of Reference. Additionally, the consultancy announcement can be found on the Government of Belize's Procurement Portal https://procurement.gov.bz

Deadline for submission of Expressions of Interest is **Tuesday, February 10th, 2026**. Expressions of interest, along with a Resume, must be sent via electronic mail (email) to procurement_officer.bisp@met.gov.bz and copied to adminassistant.bisp@met.gov.bz and projectcoordinator.bisp@met.gov.bz or via direct mail or hand delivered to the address indicated below by **9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 10th, 2026.**

Late submissions will not be considered.

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The People Acknowledge Price's Legacy They Honouring it as Their Own

but must be protected by each generation through service, integrity, and unity. The Prime Minister encouraged educators to bring students to the exhibition so they can better understand the sacrifices that shaped Belize.

For ordinary Belizeans, George Price Day is more than a historical observance. It is a reminder that Belize's independence was built on patience, moral courage, and belief in the people. It challenges citizens to live out those values in everyday life, ensuring that the Father of the Nation's legacy remains active, relevant, and visible.

Serving People, Continuing Revolution

As the People's United Party marks its 75th anniversary, Belizeans across the country are reflecting not only on political milestones but on a living legacy of service, struggle, and transformation. Founded in 1950 by George Cadle Price and fellow nationalists, the PUP became the principal vehicle through which Belize achieved self-government and independence, embedding citizen-centered governance into the national consciousness.

The anniversary, officially observed on September 29, 2025, was launched with a national celebration in Orange Walk Town. Since then, its centerpiece—the traveling exhibition titled "Serving the People, Continuing the Revolution"—has carried the party's history directly into communities. From Orange Walk and Corozal to San Ignacio, Belmopan, Dangriga, Punta Gorda, and Belize City, the exhibition has attracted students, families, and long-time supporters eager to reconnect with Belize's political roots.

Through archival photographs, historic speeches, campaign materials, and personal stories, the exhibition traces the PUP's journey from the anti-colonial struggle to modern governance. Visitors are guided through defining moments of nation-building and the party's continued focus on social justice, economic opportunity, and community empowerment. Each display reinforces the idea that Belize's progress has always been driven by people, not privilege.

Minister Francis Fonseca emphasized the exhibition's educational value, particularly for young people encountering this history firsthand. He noted that the traveling exhibition will conclude in San Pedro Town in February, extending its reach to island communities and ensuring national inclusivity in the anniversary observances.

Beyond its historical value, the exhibition has become a space for dialogue about Belize's future. Conversations at each stop have centered on democracy, participation, and the role of citizens in shaping development. Strong attendance across districts reflects a sustained interest in understanding how political movements influence everyday life, from education and healthcare to land access and economic opportunity.

Prime Minister John Briceño has described the PUP's journey as one rooted in service rather than power, noting that George Price demonstrated how leadership guided by faith and love for the people can change the course of history. That philosophy, he has said, continues to guide the party's mission to build a just, peaceful, and proud Belize.

For ordinary Belizeans, the PUP @ 75 exhibition affirms that participation matters and that progress is collective. By bringing history into towns and villages, the exhibition reinforces a national story of resilience, shared responsibility, and the enduring belief that Belize works best when it works for its people.

As Belize reflects on 75 years of the People's United Party, the message remains clear: the revolution did not end with independence. It continues wherever Belizeans commit to service, unity, and the conviction that a better nation is always within reach.

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PRESS RELEASE

PHASED ROLLOUT OF NEW OZONE LAYER PROTECTION REGULATIONS, 2025

Belmopan, Belize. January 7, 2026. The Department of the Environment (DOE) is pleased to announce a staged implementation of the regulations that reinforce Belize's commitment to environmental preservation and the protection of the ozone layer. The **Environmental Protection (Ozone Layer Protection) Regulations, 2025 (SI No. 95 of 2025)** will strengthen the management and control of refrigerants and refrigerant-based equipment across the country.

To ensure a smooth transition for businesses, importers are hereby advised of the initial phase, which highlights new procedures, updated fees, and compliance requirements.

For Businesses and Importers:

Any entity **importing** controlled substances (like HCFCs and HFCs) and/or refrigerant-based equipment must follow a new two-step process:

- **Compulsory Registration:** Importers must register with the Chief Environmental Officer. There is a BZ $1,000.00 non-refundable fee.
- **Transaction Licensing**: Once registered, a license is still required for every import/export via the Online Permit & Application Licensing (OPAL) System.
- **Prohibited Items:** The importation of Chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs), 1,1-dichloro-1-fluoroethane (R-141b) and equipment containing Chlorodifluoromethane (R-22) remains strictly prohibited.

For Households (Personal Use):

- **Simplified Approval:** Individuals importing up to two units for the year (e.g., 2 refrigerators, 2 ACs or 2 freezers for home use) can get an exemption letter.
- **Fee:** There is a $25.00 fee for this exemption letter.

Next Steps: Full implementation and required compliance will be in effect within the next three months. While this transition period has officially begun, the DOE will be conducting public awareness.

Importers are strongly encouraged to contact the office immediately to begin their registration process. For more details contact the office directly or e-mail us directly.

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6th George Price Day

Commemorative Ceremony & 75th Anniversary

Exhibit at Independence Hall, Belize City

Delivering a George Price Speech

Party Leader PM Briceño

Chairman Hon. Henry Usher

Past Leader Hon. Fonseca

His Worship Bernard Wagner

MC – UWG President Carla Bradley

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Opening Exhibit

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Celebrating George Price Day

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National Orchestra renditions

SG Montejo & ODS Chair Usher

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Exhibit Highlights

Fort George Constituency

Hon. Usher's Dinner for Golden Citizens

Caribbean Shores Constituency

Hon. Musa's Billboard Unveiling w/ Students

Curbing the Cost of Living

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- ✓ Free Education at 23 Schools/12,00 plus Students:
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- ✓ Price Barrack Commissary for Police, BDF, & Coast Guard
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- ✓ Back to School – GST-free Weekends
- ✓ Christmas – GST-free Weekends
- ✓ Expanded the list of controlled goods
- ✓ Enforcement of price gouging laws
- ✓ Issuing tickets to businesses that violate the rules
- ✓ Exemption from GST and Customs Duties on Feminine hygiene products
- ✓ Passing on Savings on Butane
- ✓ GoB Stabilize Cost of Regular and Diesel Fuels
- ✓ Public Hospitals are FEE Free
- ✓ NHI Health Care Access
- ✓ People's Boledo proceeds for Health care & Sports
- ✓ Access to Housing and Land decreases the need for rent
- ✓ NO new taxes
- ✓ Buy Belize policy benefitting local

MORE OF PLAN BELIZE 2.0

Diversification of Crops
Debt-to-GDP Shrinking
Stable MacroEconomy
Fortification of Green/Blue/Orange Economies
Changing Laws for MSME development
Confidence ensures Record Foreign Direct Investment
Internationally Renowned Blue Bond
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VOICE OF THE COMMON MAN

EXHIBIT OPENING: SAN JOAQUIN, SANTA ANA CULTURAL SEWING & EMBROIDERY GROUP

By Hilly Bennett

The Institute of Creative Arts (ICA) under the umbrella of the National Institute of History and Culture (NICH) and aligned with the Ministry of Education, Culture, Science and Technology (MoECST) serves as the primary unit for the promotion, development and supporting mechanism for the creative arts and other areas of the Orange Economy.

On Wednesday, the ICA, NICH, and the MoECST held the certificate ceremony and exhibit for the San Joaquin, Santa Ana Sewing and Embroidery Group. The event showcased traditional wear representing Mestizo heritage dating back centuries, through colourful clothing including Huipils, guayaberas, and other embroidered pieces. To the Mestizo the Huipil is more than just clothing; it is a symbol of resilience and cultural continuity.

It was Maria Angelita Magaña, the visionary and coordinator of the idea to transition from the tedious task of handmade embroidery to the use of sewing machines to stitch the intricate patterns. However, as the Exhibit Curator, Gilvano Swasey acknowledged, *"The good thing is that I would say no part of the culture is lost when the machine is involved…"* The idea evolved from Mrs. Magaña who was involved in a cultural dance group that needed costumes that were costly. She thought that instead, they could sew the costumes for a lesser cost. With the help of the area rep Florencio Marin in sourcing 3 machines, the idea took flight. Thereafter, ICA was approached and the group engaged in what initially was supposed to be a three-month course turning into six months. To the participants, it is a labor of love and as Maria Magaña said "it is a lot of hard work".

In addressing the Group, the Administrator of NICH, Eulide Miller beaming with pride said *"I am proud of the work that the Institute of Creative Arts continues to lead across Belize. Work that respects tradition, embraces innovation, and creates opportunity in the present moment."*

Miller emphasized that the event not only represented the celebration of the completion of the Machine Embroidery Training Programme, but it gives recognition to something far deeper:, the power of culture when it is intentionally nurtured, modernized, and placed in the hands of the Belizean people. As Mrs. Magana insisted *"If we don't retrieve our culture it will disappear, so we have to retrieve what we can…"* which includes the music, the dancing, the food and the arts.

Importantly, the Machine Embroidery Training Programme is not solely about acquiring a skill but as Administrator Miller pronounced *"It is about equipping artisans with tools that enhance marketability, improve production capacity, and strengthen export readiness, while still honoring the identity, stories, and heritage embedded in Belizean craft."*

Ms. Kim Vasquez delivered the certificates to the 7 recipients and the ceremony closed with the exhibition of pieces made by the San Joaquin, Santa Ana Cultural Sewing & Embroidery Group.

Once again ICA has provided the platform for the group to showcase their work encouraging the artisans to preserve the culture through the creativity of the arts. The exhibit is open at the Museum of Belizean Art at the House of Culture.

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- Review and finalize examination reports, work papers, and correspondence for the Central Bank's management and Board.
- Draft letters to the licensee's Board and management to communicate the major findings related to the assigned on-site examinations.
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COMPETENCIES

- Initiative, Interpersonal Relations, Organizational Ability, Analytical Ability, Communication, Customer Focus, Job Knowledge, Quality of Output, Decision Making, Problem Solving/Judgement, Delegation and Empowerment.

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ACCOMPLISHED TWO POLITICAL DREAMS IN BROOKLYN, N.Y.

By HON. GILROY USHER, Port Loyola

On Sunday January 18th, I got the opportunity to

a) celebrate the birthday of slain civil rights leader Martin Luther King, Jr. in one of the churches that supported his cause in very possible way and

b) meet the next possible black President of the United States Congressman Hakeem Jeffries.

Both of those dreams became a reality when my brother Raymond Usher and I attended the service at St. Mary's Anglican Church in Brooklyn, NY to celebrate the birthday of Martin Luther King with Hakeem Jeffries attorney and Congressman for New York 8th Congressional District since 2013 as the Guest Speaker.

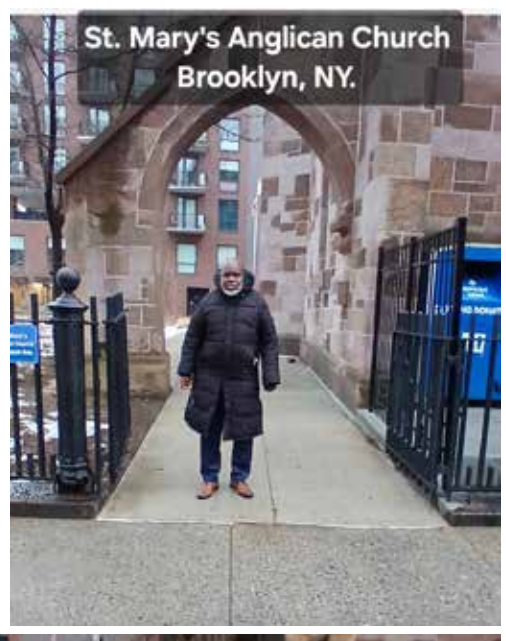
The service was very moving. Dr. King is remembered as he fought for social justice and civil rights for all Americans regardless of one's color, ethnicity, religion, sex, or social standing. It was therefore gratifying to see members of the clergy and members of the congregation from all walks of life in attendance to celebrate King's birthday and commit themselves to continuing the fight until all Americans are respected and treated equally including with opportunities to realize their dreams in life.

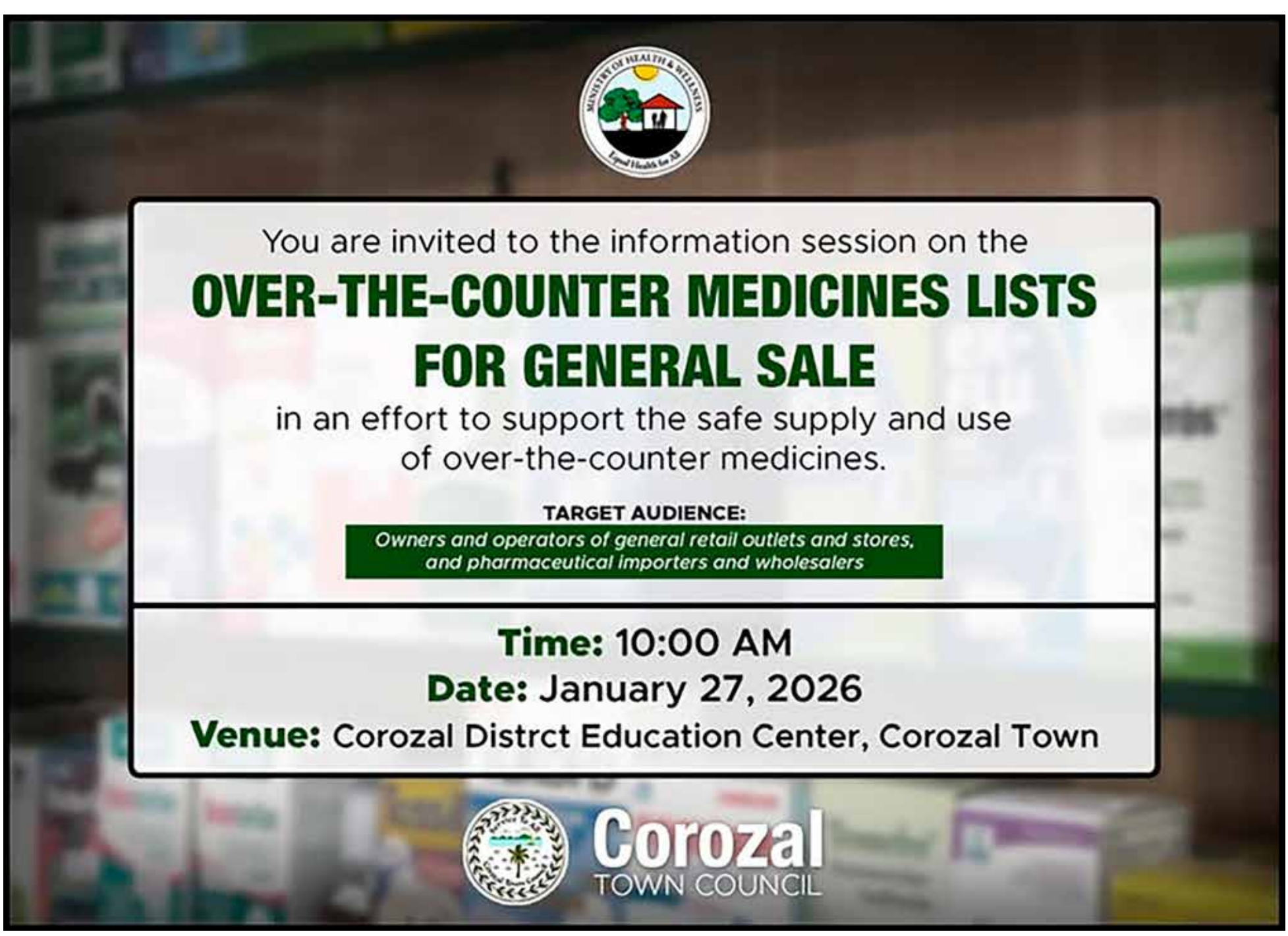
In delivering the keynote address African/American Congressman Hakeem Jeffries who is also an attorney and orator energized the congregation as he outlined the sufferings, humiliation, beatings, rejection, and, often, fatal bodily harm that Martin Luther King, Rosa Parks, and scores of other civil rights leaders endured for decades to enable us to enjoy a better life today, which they could only dream before. Congressman Jeffries also outlined several actions that are being taken in the United States at the present time to deny large sections of the population their right to a better life with equal opportunities for all Americans.

Congressman Jeffries concluded his remarks to a standing ovation in stating that just as Martin Luther King led the fight for social justice throughout the United States despite the cost, as Americans today are committed to carrying on the fight for social justice throughout the land until they overcome.

The celebrant for the service was Rev. Dr. John J. Lynch, priest. Among other officials in attendance were the attorney General of New York.

I am grateful for the fulfilment of both occasions.





Marie Sharp: Leader, Founder, Creator, Innovator Belizean par Excellence in a Forbes List

Marie Sharp's lead in the Belizean culinary/export/entrepreneurial arenas are each separate stories in and of themselves. Her pepper sauces are found on dinner tables all around the world as a complement to the best of dishes by the best cooks. It is no surprise yet deserving of grand adulation that Marie Sharp(full name needed, sort of like George Price) has been selected by Forbes in their annual 50 over 50 list, which highlights women over the number of the title. They may not need any highlighting but it definitely adds to their legacy. In Belize, Marie Sharp is an icon that has indeed crossed over to world fame. (BT Editor)

50 Over 50 Global: 2026

By Erin Spencer Sairam and Forbes team

The leaders, founders, creators and innovators on the 2026 50 Over 50 Global list hail from 36 countries and territories and are leaving their marks on every sector of business, from aviation and architecture to minerals and mining. Several have broken records to become "the first" in a position; others have invented technological solutions and medical therapies that stand to help millions of lives. All are examples of resilience in an ever-changing global environment.(forbes.com/sites/maggiemcgrath)

Marie Sharp

Marie Sharp's Fine Foods

After saying goodbye to teaching elementary school, Marie Sharp got her start in hot sauce by growing habanero peppers in her garden and experimenting with vegetables. She would try recipes on her family while she was working full-time at the Citrus Company. In 1981, thanks to encouragement from close friends, she started selling the sauces. Before long, they were a hit and imported to the U.S. But a trademark battle eventually led to a name change. In 1992, the Belizean entrepreneur launched her second company: Marie Sharp's Fine Foods, and now also sells jams and seasonings. She was inducted into the Hot Sauce Hall of Fame in 2016. (forbes.com/sites/maggiemcgrath)

The Ministry of Agriculture Food Security and New Growth Industries Accepts Agricultural Data Management Equipment

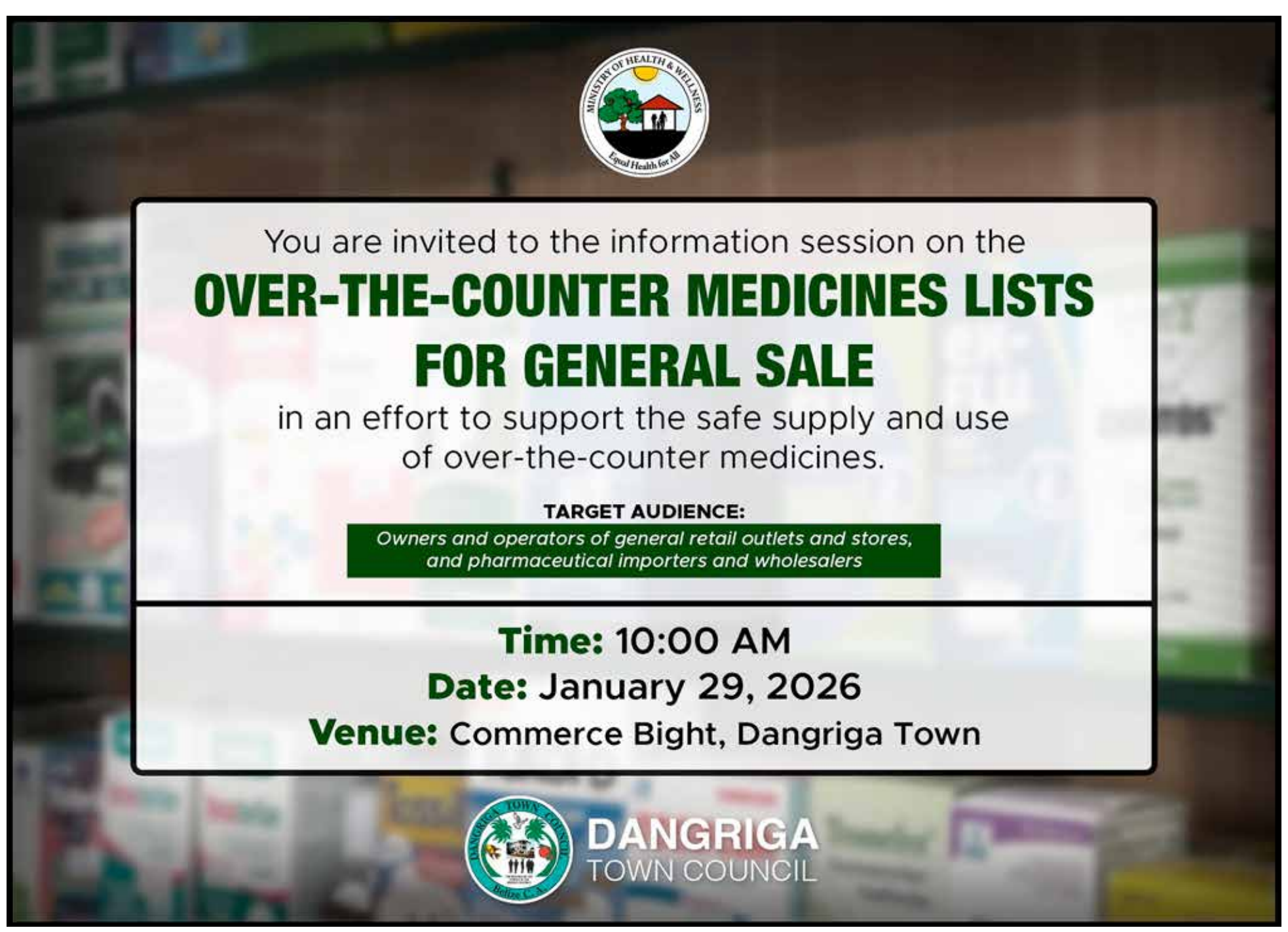
January 20, 2026 - The Ministry of Agriculture Food Security and New Growth Industries received a donation of equipment from the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, funded by the Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA), aimed at strengthening agricultural statistical systems and enhancing data collection, analysis, and reporting.

The donated equipment includes six motorcycles, two high-capacity desktop workstations, and one high-capacity field laptop computer. The motorcycles will enhance data collectors' mobility, enabling them to reach farming communities more efficiently, including those in remote and rural areas. The computers will significantly improve the Ministry's capacity to conduct advanced data analysis of the field data. Together, the equipment package will strengthen the analytical and reporting capacity of the Ministry's Policy and Planning Unit, supporting efficient data collection, improved data processing, analysis, visualization, and evidence-based decision-making.

This donation also supports the Ministry's capacity to meet the national and international reporting obligations, particularly in relation to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Strengthened agricultural data systems are essential for monitoring progress on food security, sustainable agriculture, rural development, and related development indicators.

The Ministry is grateful to FAO and KOICA for this timely and strategic contribution, noting that the donation reflects a strong commitment to institutional strengthening, capacity development, and long-term development impact. The Ministry further emphasized that the equipment will be used responsibly and strategically to improve data quality, strengthen policy formulation, and enhance service delivery to farmers and stakeholders across the agriculture sector.

The partnership between FAO and the Ministry continues to play a critical role in advancing data-driven development and strengthening national systems in support of sustainable agriculture and food security. (release)



GOB to Hold National Consultations on Climate Change

January 19, 2026.

The Government of Belize will be hosting a series of National Consultations from January 19 to 30, 2026, aimed at gathering public and stakeholder input to help shape how the country prepares for and responds to the impacts of climate change.

The consultations are being led by the Ministry of Sustainable Development, Climate Change, and Solid Waste Management, through the National Climate Change Office (NCCO). This initiative is possible through collaboration with the Protected Areas Conservation Trust and the Ministry of Economic Transformation and forms part of the National Adaptation Planning process supported by the Green Climate Fund Readiness Project, "Enabling Activities for the Formulation and Implementation of a Multisectoral National Adaptation Plan (MNAP) for Belize." Belize's National Adaptation Plan will serve as a long-term guide to help the country reduce climate risks and strengthen resilience across key sectors that are critical to national development and community wellbeing. These sectors include health, tourism, agriculture, forest and land use, and human settlements and infrastructure.

As part of the consultancy "Identification of Adaptation Priorities and Development of Belize's MNAP," the NCCO, together with the consulting firm Metroeconomica, will be leading a series of national consultations to identify priority climate change adaptation needs, assess climate risks, and gather practical solutions directly from stakeholders across the country. The consultations form part of a coordinated national effort to strengthen evidence-based planning, improve coordination across sectors, and align climate adaptation actions with Belize's broader development objectives.

The Ministry of Sustainable Development, Climate Change, and Solid Waste Management encourages all interested stakeholders to actively participate in the upcoming consultation sessions. Official invitations pertaining to consultation dates, locations, and participation modalities will be shared through official government communication channels.

Bilateral meetings with key sectors will be conducted in the first days of the mission, and the schedule for district consultations will be posted on the NCCO and Ministry Facebook pages.

The Ministry is committed to strengthening climate resilience and enhancing adaptive capacity through inclusive, evidence-based planning and the active participation of stakeholders nationwide. All stakeholders are encouraged to actively engage in consultation sessions.

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Proposed Merger: BTL Presents to Cabinet

January 20, 2026.

Belize Telemedia Limited (BTL) today made its presentation to Cabinet on a proposed acquisition of Speednet, following presentations made to the Social Security Board, the Belize Communications Workers' Union, the executive committee of the NTUCB and other interested parties.

The Cabinet has announced that it will make its position public when BTL has concluded its round of consultations. (release)

Ends

MINISTRY OF CONSTITUTION AND RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS, INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS AND TRANSPORTATION

PROCUREMENT NOTICE

CONCRETING OF BELMOPAN BUS TERMINAL PARKING LOT

The Government of Belize (GOB), through the Ministry of Constitution and Religious Affairs, Indigenous Affairs and Transportation, intends to pave the Belmopan Bus Terminal Parking Lot using Rigid Pavement (Reinforced Concrete).

Provided there are no delays, construction is expected to start within a month. The Ministry hereby invites interested contractors in the civil works to be part of this bidding process.

The Project is being implemented by the Ministry of Constitution and Religious Affairs, Indigenous Affairs and Transportation. The Ministry will be responsible for the day-to-day management of project activities.

The scope of works will include but not be limited to:

- Construction, installation and paving of reinforced concrete slab for bus parking area
- Construction of Drains & Bus Bays
- Repair & Erection of Perimeter Fence
- Line Marking of Bus Bays & Parking area
- Construction of Bus terminal access road

Consideration will be given to local firms who have qualified extensive experience in Rigid Pavement (Reinforced Concrete) of a similar size and complexity.

Minimum Qualification Criteria:

- General Construction Experience: 10 Years
- Specific Construction Experience in application of Rigid Pavement
- Contract Management Experience: 5 Years
- Construction Experience in a Project of Similar Size and Complexity (one)
- Access to Line of Credit: $200,000.00
- Average annual turnover of minimum: Bz$300,000.00
- Qualified registered Engineer: 5 years' experience

Effective **Monday 19 January 2026**, Bidding Documents are available at a cost of **Bz$500.00** from the address below.

Bidders shall submit proposals (one original and one hard copy) in a sealed envelope to the address below. The sealed envelope containing each submission must include the name and address of the applicant.

A Site Visit will be conducted on **Thursday 22 January 2026 at 10:00am**. Bidders shall congregate at the Belmopan Bus Terminal.

All Bidding Documents properly completed should reach the office of the Chief Executive Officer at the address below no later than **Friday 30 January 2026** at **10:00 am.** The Ministry shall not accept responsibility for any costs incurred by the applicants.

Attention: **Mr. Chester Williams**
Chief Executive Officer
Ministry of Constitution and Religious Affairs, Indigenous Affairs and Transportation
Abadi Building
Constitution Drive
Belmopan
Cayo District
BELIZE C.A.

Tel: 828-5002 or 828-5012
Email: ceo.secretary@mcrit.gov.bz

Chronicles of Lamanai, from the 'Other Side of History'

By Ricardo Moguel

Prologue — Echoes of the Jaguar, Breath of the Crocodile

Lamanai, the Icaiche, and Belize's Forgotten Legacy

Anthropologists excavate strata.

The Maya excavate continuity.

More than three thousand five hundred years ago, before stone learned to perform permanence, before monuments spoke in the grammar of power, when maize was still an experiment whispered between soil and rain, a settlement took root beside the dark, eloquent waters of the New River Lagoon.

They did not arrive to conquer land.

They arrived to listen.

The lagoon spoke in currents and reflections.

The forest answered in shadow and breath.

The sky measured itself in cycles too vast for impatience.

And between them all, something older stirred.

Laman'ayin.

The Submerged Crocodile.

Not a name bestowed.

A name revealed.

This place was never designed to dominate its surroundings. It was shaped to negotiate with them, to move when water moved, to wait when the forest waited, to endure when time demanded patience. Before architecture, there was alignment. Before temples, awareness.

Lamanai is not a ruin.

It is the lagoon's memory made visible.

Where other cities asserted themselves against the world, Laman'ayin entered into agreement with it: earth, water, sky, and time bound together by the slow intelligence of the crocodile, cutting silent paths beneath the reeds.

The people learned to read that movement.

They learned when to plant and when to pause, when to build and when to rebuild, when to resist and when to absorb.

And so, while other capitals rose sharply and fell just as quickly, Laman'ayin endured, not by force, but by adaptation.

Drought came. The crocodile sank deeper.

War came. The city shifted its weight.

Foreigners arrived with flags, crosses, and muskets. The lagoon reflected them, studied them, waited them out.

The Submerged Crocodile never fled.

Empires renamed the place again and again, Lamanae, Lamanay, Lamanai, forcing foreign alphabets onto syllables they did not understand. But the water never accepted their spellings. It remembered the original sound with the precision of a heartbeat beneath the surface.

Here, the forest shielded.

Here, the river instructed.

Here, patience outlasted conquest.

While stone capitals across the Maya world flickered and fell silent, Laman'ayin performed the rarest act in human history: it stayed awake. It breathed through centuries. It adapted without forgetting. It endured without hardening.

Archaeology would later confirm what Maya memory never questioned: this was one of the longest continuously inhabited cities in the Maya world, alive across more than three and a half millennia. Offerings layered rather than erased. Architecture rebuilt without losing orientation. Burials continuous. Craft traditions evolving, not breaking.

Lamanai did not survive history.

It negotiated with it.

Outsider histories search for endings. Lamanai refuses to provide them. Dynasties shifted. Trade routes realigned. Europeans arrived with iron, scripture, and disease. Conversion campaigns followed. Rebellions erupted. Some precincts emptied; others filled.

Through all of it, the city persisted, not passively, but deliberately.

Like the forest, it withdrew without vanishing.

Like the crocodile, it absorbed pressure and waited.

Among the elders I grew up with, no one spoke of ruins. That word arrived from elsewhere, from a continent that required our world to be finished in order to justify occupying it. To us, Lamanai was an ancestor, a being with lungs of stone, a spine of water, and memory exceeding empire.

When administrators called it "abandoned," they revealed not emptiness, but the limits of their imagination.

To approach Lamanai is not to enter the past.

It is to encounter an uninterrupted presence.

Epochs, not centuries.

Breath, not collapse.

The Submerged Crocodile still moves beneath the waterline, unseen, unhurried, listening. Lamanai is not abandoned. It is waiting.

Laman'ayin is never dead.

Minister of Religious Affairs Engages with Evangelical Leaders

January 19, 2026 - The Hon. Dr. Louis Zabaneh, Minister of Religious Affairs, convened an engaging meeting with leaders of the Evangelical Churches as part of the Ministry's ongoing commitment to dialogue on key national issues.

The meeting provided an opportunity for open discussion on matters relating to the Church–State relationship, legislative developments, and broader social and moral issues affecting Belizean society. Evangelical leaders shared their perspectives on the importance of upholding fundamental values, religious freedom, and the role of faith-based institutions in community life, as well as issues affecting families, education, public health, and overall social well-being.

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- Ensure timely follow-up on deficiencies identified during off-site and on-site supervisory activities.
- Draft and review supervisory correspondence, examination findings, and reports for the Central Bank's management and Board.
- Review and finalize product, institutional, and sectoral risk assessments of regulated financial institutions.
- Develop and maintain statistical databases to inform system-wide assessment on Money Laundering, Terrorist Financing, Proliferation Financing (ML/TF/PF) risks.
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Belize Feature
In the 'DAILY TELEGRAPH"

The 50 Best Family Holidays for 2026

New openings, emerging destinations and superb events are defining holidays with the kids this year – here are our expert picks

By Amanda Hyde

There's plenty for families to look forward to in 2026, from holidays inspired by the Winter Olympics and forthcoming blockbuster The Odyssey to intriguing, emerging destinations such as Zimbabwe and remote Finland.

And while these all sound incredibly exciting, there are times when all you need is an unfussy beach break – a good old fly-and-flop. Luckily, there are brilliant new outposts and soon-to-come openings of those next year, too.

Whatever you fancy, whatever your children's ages and whatever the season, we've found a trip to satisfy your family's wanderlust. Here are some of the world's finest family holidays for 2026.

Beat the crowds to Belize

Best for: teens

The stand-out stars of the latest season of Celebrity Race Across the World? The perfect beaches and Mayan ruins of Belize. On True Travel's Family Adventure in Belize you can seek out ancient sites, tread the foothills of the Maya Mountains and snorkel off Ambergris Quay.

Nine nights' costs from £5,800pp, including some meals (0203 137 1247; true.travel). Ages eight plus. British Airways flies to Cancun from around £600pp. Fly on to Belize City with Tropic Air, from around £450pp. (all info on https://www.telegraph.co.uk/)

LETTER TO THE Editor

A Different UDP, Really?

Dear Editor,

Not long ago, we were told that the United Democratic Party had turned a new page—that this was a "different UDP," one free from old influences and backroom power brokers. Yet recent developments suggest otherwise, as the party once again appears to be cozying up to Lord Ashcroft. It leaves many Belizeans asking a simple but important question: what really changed?

For years, the influence of Lord Ashcroft over Belizean politics was a major point of national concern. His role, whether direct or indirect, symbolized external control and undue influence over our democracy. To now see the UDP seemingly embracing that same relationship raises doubts about the sincerity of claims of reform and renewal.

If this is truly a different UDP, then transparency matters. Belizeans deserve to know what discussions are taking place, what interests are being represented, and whose agenda is being advanced. Political change cannot simply be a slogan used during election season; it must be reflected in consistent actions.

This renewed closeness makes one wonder what else may be happening behind the scenes. Are old habits quietly returning? Are the same power structures being repositioned under fresh faces?

Belizeans are watching carefully. Trust, once broken, is hard to rebuild. If the UDP is serious about being different, it must show independence, accountability, and a clear break from the influences that once defined it.

Sincerely,

Concerned Belizean

Minister of Religious Affairs Engages with Evangelical Leaders

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The Ministry reaffirmed the Government's respect for freedom of religion as enshrined in the Constitution of Belize, while acknowledging its responsibility to govern in the public interest. The Ministry and the evangelical leaders acknowledged the value of continued dialogue and cooperation in addressing national and community-level challenges.

The Ministry of Constitution and Religious Affairs remains committed to fostering respectful engagement with faith-based organizations as part of its mandate to promote social cohesion, constitutional governance, and mutual understanding. (release)

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Security Officer Grade III

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ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- Ensure the security, safety, and well-being of personnel, visitors, and the premises.
- Provide excellent customer service.
- Adhere to all operating standards.
- Complete reports by recording observations, information, occurrences, and surveillance activities.
- Respond to emergencies to provide necessary assistance to employees and visitors.
- Performs other duties assigned from time to time.

The applicant should possess the following:

EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE

- A high school diploma from a recognized secondary school. Previous experience in the police, military, or security field, and small arms would be an asset.

TECHNICAL KNOWLEDGE

- Knowledge of modern security techniques systems; Knowledge of security equipment and law enforcement principles; Ability to perform tasks that require physical strength and agility, bending, climbing, and lifting heavy objects; Proficient in Microsoft Office Suite.

COMPETENCIES

- Analytical Ability, Communication, Customer Focus, Deportment, Initiative, Interpersonal Relations, Job Knowledge, Quality of Output, Problem Solving/Judgement.

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Major Ruling in Pharmacy Closure Case

They operated without licences: A group of four pharmacies that were operating at the Fort Street Tourism Village in Belize City have lost a constitutional challenge against the Government of Belize's 2022 closure and seizure. The latter occurred on August 10, 2022 when Ministry of Health and Wellness inspectors, accompanied by police, entered the establishment of Pharmacy Express Limited and three other related businesses. The Pharmaceutical products were duly seized, and the establishments were ordered to close forthwith.

The companies then claimed that this move by the police and thus government violated their constitutional rights, including protection from arbitrary search and deprivation of property.

Today on January 22, 2025, Justice Nadine Nabie found the pharmacies had operated without proper licences since regulations requiring them took effect in 2017. Inspection reports from as far back as 2017 to 2019 repeatedly warned the businesses about non-compliance.

Reportedly, the pharmacies also lacked registered chemists and licences to sell controlled drugs and antibiotics.

Despite the Ministry's timeline in enforcement, *"no person can have an expectation or right to the ultra vires relaxation of a statutory requirement,"* the court ruling read.

So the main outcome: The government won; the pharmacies' claims of constitutional breaches (arbitrary search, property deprivation) were dismissed. The pharmacies operated without required licenses for years (since 2017 regulations), lacked registered chemists, and couldn't sell controlled drugs, making the closures lawful under lawful regulations.

This signifies the affirmation of the Ministry of Health's power to enforce regulations, even with past enforcement delays, and denied the pharmacies a right to operate non-compliant businesses.

Min of Agric Touring: Begins Near Home

Hon. Rodwell Ferguson, Minister of Agriculture Food Security and New Growth Industries has started a countrywide tour of districts with visits to areas of thd Stann Creek District.

Minister Ferguson kicked off the tour with a visit to the District Agriculture Station at Hope Creek, where he spoke to the staff about the importance of Agriculture to the economy. He then visited the Agriculture and Natural Resource Institute, ANRI, and will later visit Georgetown High School and Maya Mopan and Silk Grass.

The tour is a familiarization tour to visit areas of agricultural production and farmers throughout district.

The tour continues on Friday with visits to Independence. (post)

Job Vacancy:

Assistant Legal Secretary needed in Belize City law office. Some experience in the legal field and knowledge of Microsoft programs necessary. Send resume to resumebz2026@hotmail.com.

San Pedro TC – Staff Appreciation Gala

The San Pedro Town Council held its annual Staff Appreciation Gala is celebration for the hard work and dedication of Town Council team. The administration and the town is proud of the council family. There is a commitment to making true: Our Island, Our Home.

The SPTC thanks all community partners that shared their thanks and made the celebration extra special.

BY ORDER OF CHARGEE
NOTICE OF INTENTION TO SELL

HOLY REDEEMER CREDIT UNION LIMITED a statutory body formed and registered under the Credit Union Act, Chapter 314 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, and whose registered office is situated at No. 1 Hyde's Lane, Belize City, Belize District hereby gives notice of its intention to exercise its power of sale as Chargee under and by virtue of a Charge registered at the Land Registry between **RAHEEM CLIFFORD NICHOLAS** of the one part and HRCU of the other part.

HRCU will at the expiration of three months from the date of the first publication of this notice sell the property described in the Schedule below.

ALL offers to purchase the said property must be made in writing to Holy Redeemer Credit Union Limited from whom full particulars and conditions of sale may be obtained.

SCHEDULE

ALL THAT piece or parcel of land comprising 1,044.3 Square Meters being Parcel 786, Block 4 in the Carmelita Registration Section TOGETHER with all buildings and erections standing and being thereon, the freehold property of **RAHEEM CLIFFORD NICHOLAS**

DATED this 5th day of January 2026

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Forest Department Enforcement Leads to Conviction and Active Prosecutions

Belmopan, January 14, 2026

The Forest Department wishes to inform the public of recent enforcement actions and court outcomes related to the unlawful possession and transportation of forest produce, in violation of the Forest Act, Chapter 213 of the Substantive Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2020.

Shipyard Patrol - Orange Walk District

On Friday, January 9, 2026, while conducting a day patrol in the Shipyard Area, Forest Department officers, in joint operation with rangers from Programme for Belize (PfB) and the Belize Defence Force (BDF), encountered five (5) individuals in possession of thirty- one (31) Mahogany logs.

The individuals were unable to produce a valid forest permit authorizing the harvesting or possession of the forest produce. As a result, they were arrested and charged with Unlawful Possession of Forest Produce. The matter was taken before the court, where the individuals pleaded not guilty, and the case was subsequently adjourned. The confiscated forest produce remains in the custody of the Forest Department pending the outcome of legal proceedings.

Caye Caulker Interception and Court Outcome

On Sunday, January 11, 2026, at approximately 4:30 a.m., officers from the Caye Caulker Police Formation conducted a search of a white 25-foot vessel named "SURVEYOR." Present at the time were Ronal Noe Martinez, captain of the vessel; Donald Guevara; and Johan Penner. The vessel was found transporting twenty-five (25) palm logs, each measuring approximately sixteen (16) feet in length. The individuals were unable to produce a valid forest permit, and the vessel did not possess a valid seaworthy certificate.

The vessel was ferried to the San Pedro Dock, and the individuals were detained for further action by the Forest Department and the Belize Port Authority (BPA).

Mr. Johan Penner pleaded guilty to the charge of Unlawful Possession of Forest Produce and was fined BZ$7,500.00, with court costs of BZ$5.00, to be paid by December 1, 2027, in default of which he will serve one (1) year imprisonment. Mr. Penner will also face separate charges from the Belize Port Authority. The vessel and the confiscated palm logs (botan) will be transported to Belize City, and arrangements are being made for the Forest Department to retrieve and secure the confiscated material.

The Forest Department extends sincere appreciation to Programme for Belize, the Belize Defense Force, and the Caye Caulker Police Formation for their unwavering support, vigilance, and continued collaboration in the enforcement of forest laws and the protection of Belize's natural resources.

The public is reminded that harvesting, transporting, or possessing forest produce without the necessary permits is a criminal offense. Members of the public are encouraged to report any forest-related infractions to the Forest Department Hotline at 610-1524. Collective action remains vital to safeguarding Belize's forests for present and future generations. (release)

LIQUOR LICENSE NOTICES

Notice is hereby given that **H20 Holdings Limited** is applying for a **Beer Liquor License** to be operated at **"Agua Magica"** located at 2 ½ Mls. P.G. Hwy., Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Roger Tony Beaino** is applying for a **Restaurant Liquor License** to be operated at **"Chef Roger/Catering"** located at # 1637 Spain Avenue, Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Erlin Moore** is applying for a **Publican Special Liquor License** to be operated at **"Wish Willy Bar & Grill"** located in Caye Caulker Village, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Breann K. Neal** is applying for a **Beer Liquor License** to be operated at **"Mama Sherls Mini Shop"** located at # 8731 Curl Thompson Street, Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Shannon Borland** is applying for a **Publican Special Liquor License** to be operated at **"Shannito's Service Center Limited"** located in Biscayne Village, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Louis E. Dixon** is applying for a **Publican Special Liquor License** to be operated at **"C & L Cool Spot"** located in Lemonal Village, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Muhammed R. Ahmed** is applying for a **Beer Liquor License** to be operated at **"Rubel's Grocery Store"** located at # 85 West Canal, Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Paula L. Montoya** is applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at **"A & L Grocery Store"** located at # 37 Water Lane, Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Vanessa Nunez** is applying for a **Restaurant Liquor License** to be operated at **"The Gallery Café Ltd."** located at # 91 North Front Street, Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Bowen & Bowen Ltd.** is applying for a **Convenience Store Liquor License** to be operated at **"Naybaz"** located on Main Rd., Santa Familia Village, Cayo District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Bowen & Bowen Ltd.** is applying for a **Convenience Store Liquor License** to be operated at **"Naybaz"** located at Miles 72, Santa Elena Town, Cayo District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Bowen & Bowen Ltd.** is applying for a **Convenience Store Liquor License** to be operated at **"Naybaz"** located on Independence St., Benque Viejo del Carmen, Cayo District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Bowen & Bowen Ltd.** is applying for a **Convenience Store Liquor License** to be operated at **"Naybaz"** located on St. Joseph St., Benque Viejo del Carmen, Cayo District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Bowen & Bowen Ltd.** is applying for a **Convenience Store Liquor License** to be operated at **"Naybaz"** located on 3rd Street, S.I. Town, Cayo District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Bowen & Bowen Ltd.** is applying for a **Convenience Store Liquor License** to be operated at **"Naybaz"** located on Loma Luz Blvd., Santa Elena, Cayo District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Bowen & Bowen Ltd.** is applying for a **Convenience Store Liquor License** to be operated at **"Naybaz"** located on Camalote St., Bullet Tree Village, Cayo District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Bowen & Bowen Ltd.** is applying for a **Convenience Store Liquor License** to be operated at **"Naybaz"** located in Georgeville Village, Cayo District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Bowen & Bowen Ltd.** is applying for a **Convenience Store Liquor License** to be operated at **"Naybaz"** located in Teakettle Village, Cayo District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Bowen & Bowen Ltd.** is applying for a **Convenience Store Liquor License** to be operated at **"Naybaz"** located in Roaring Creek Village, Cayo District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Bowen & Bowen Ltd.** is applying for a **Convenience Store Liquor License** to be operated at **"Naybaz"** located on Valley of Peace Road, Cayo District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Bowen & Bowen Ltd.** is applying for a **Convenience Store Liquor License** to be operated at **"Naybaz"** located on South Ring Road, City of Belmopan, Cayo District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Bowen & Bowen Ltd.** is applying for a **Convenience Store Liquor License** to be operated at **"Naybaz"** located in St. Matthew Village, Cayo District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **M & S Enterprise Ltd.** is applying for a **Malt & Cider Liquor License** to be operated at **"OMG Café "** located at # 2 Regent Street, Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Doris A. Antunez Alvarado** is applying for a **Publican Special Liquor License** to be operated at **"Antunez Bar & Grill"** located in Duck Run I Village, Cayo District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Luis A. Mai Jr.** is applying for a **Publican Special Liquor License** to be operated at **"Irma's Cool Spot"** located on St. Joseph Ext., Benque Viejo del Carmen, Cayo District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Erdal Kelat/Yilmaz Aslan** are applying for a **Restaurant Liquor License** to be operated at **"Mystique Lounge & Beach Club Limited"** located at # 7753 Hummingbird Highway, Belmopan City, Cayo District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Troy Tench** is applying for a **Restaurant Liquor License** to be operated at **"Mystical Oak's"** located in Biscayne Village, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **JiaJie Ruan** is applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at **"JK Friendly Store"** located at # 12D K.P.A., Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **LiWei Zhao** is applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at **"3598 Fast Food"** located at # 3598 C.A. Blvd., Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Wallace K. Usher/Jenny Y. Padron** are applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at **"Z's Corner Store"** located at # 6412 Fern Lane, Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Wallace K. Usher/Indira A. Padron** are applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at **"Mahogany St. Supermarket"** located at # 2565 Partridge Street, Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Li Hui Huang** is applying for a **Convenience Store Liquor License** to be operated at **"Blvd. Store"** located at # 4265 C.A. Blvd., Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Emily Castanaza** is applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at **"Shaju Daily Shop"** located at # 45 King Street, Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Lupita Garcia** is applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at **"J's Shop"** located at Mile 25 Hummingbird Highway, Stann Creek District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

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